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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed). . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) (S/2012/140)

Haiti

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. . . . . 258th meeting (closed). . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the final report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (A/66/700) on Friday, 16 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 2 (NLB)*. The Secretary-General will present the report. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Members are invited to attend at the ambassadorial level.

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are notified of an extension of the deadline until *Monday, 19 March 2012*, to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m. . . . . 29th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 . . . . . [134]

Standards accommodation for air travel (A/66/676 and A/66/739)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Standards accommodation for air travel (A/66/676 and A/66/739))

3–4 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Feasibility study: United Nations Headquarters long-term accommodation (A/66/349 and A/66/7/Add.3 (Chap.V)))

4–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/66/692, A/66/738, A/66/710, A/66/710/Add.1, A/66/380, A/66/330/Add.1, A/65/788 and A/65/788/Add.1))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1, C and E (NLB)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1, C and E (NLB)

5.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2869th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]

Fifth periodic report of Yemen (CCPR/C/YEM/5)

3–6 p.m. 2870th meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]

Initial report of Turkmenistan (CCPR/C/TKM/1)

Economic and Social Council

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 8th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Opening remarks by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia)
2. Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8)
3. Keynote address by Ms. Allen Kagina, Commissioner-General, Uganda Revenue Authority, on "Current challenges, priorities and experiences of developing countries in tax matters"
4. Panel presentations on "The role of multilateral bodies in strengthening international cooperation in tax matters"

   Mr. Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

   Mr. Michael Keen, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

   Mr. Richard Stern, Global Product Specialist for Business Taxation, World Bank Group

Mr. Márcio Verdi, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations

Mr. Logan Wort, Acting Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Launch of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update)

1. Statement by Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar, Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, on "The 2011 update of the United Nations Model"
2. Statement by Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on "The United Nations Model in the context of financing for development"
3. Statement by Mr. Michael Lennard, Chief, International Tax Cooperation Unit, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on "Key features of the United Nations Model"

General discussion (continued)

[For more information please, contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012ICTM/index.htm>.]

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

   Action on agreed conclusions on the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

2. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session (E/CN.6/2012/L.8) [7]
3. Closure of the fifty-sixth session

Committee for Development Policy
Fourteenth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Briefing

The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will hold a briefing on the Conference and its preparatory process. The briefings will be conducted by the Head of the UNCSD Office and Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Nikhil Seth, *today*, 15 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on sustainable development goals (SDGs)). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).

Other activities

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Briefing on "Follow-up to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014" (mandated by General Assembly resolution 65/234 (A/RES/65/234)) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund) (UNFPA))

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information or the concept note for the review, please contact Ms. Lily Tong, UNFPA (e-mail tong@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-5088).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Security Council stakeout

Morning[1] . . . . . Ms. Hilde Johnson, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole of the Security Council.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 16 March 2012

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

Morning[1] . . . . . 100th plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Question of Palestine: Letter from the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/66/742) . . . . . [37]
2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/66/L.39) . . . [123 (a)]
3. Central role of the United Nations system in global governance: draft resolution (A/66/L.38) . . . . . [123 (b)]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the plenary on the final report of the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (see p. 1).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 16 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Informal informal negotiations

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* for the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to the meeting to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal will be available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee from *Monday, 19 March*, onwards, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category

In accordance with General Assembly decision 66/553 of 22 December 2011, an informal meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group to further study and strengthen the smooth transition process for countries graduating from the least developed country category, will take place on Friday, 16 March 2012, at *1.15 p.m.* in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Background documentation for the Working Group, including a draft programme and issues note for this meeting, is available on the Web site of the UN-OHRLLS <www.unohrlls.org/en/ldc/916/>.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects will meet from Monday, 19, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary, Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Lists of delegations can also be delivered to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch (room IN-611) and during the session to room NL-1033D.

Web site

Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB)*. Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the themes for the humanitarian affairs segment and the Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The informal consultations will be co-chaired by the Vice-Presidents of the Council, H.E. Mr. Juan Pablo De Laiglesia (Spain) and H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya (Indonesia), and will take place on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals circulated by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (305 East 47th Street, 3rd Floor).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Informal briefing on "Civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Indonesia)

Monday, 19 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Travers, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail patrick.travers@international.gc.ca).]

Informal briefing on "Follow-up to the Global Plan Towards the Elimination of New HIV Infections Among Children by 2015 and Keeping their Mothers Alive" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kenya)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John K. Mosoti, Permanent Mission of Kenya (e-mail mosotijk@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 421-4740).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the

Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

Accession: Qatar (14 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
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